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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

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A GRATIFYING SUCCESS.

The Members' Reception last Tuesday evening was one of the most successful of the season. The Hall was crowded, and the musical programme was exceptionally fine. The Gymnastic exercises were perhaps the most creditable that have been shown in our Gymnasium, the concert exercise with dumb-bells by a class of young men being worthy of special mention. Three times the gallery was cleared and filled again that all might have an opportunity to enjoy the display.

This reception will close the series for this season, but the committee will resume them again early in the fall.

325 boys attended the entertainment last Monday evening, and greatly enjoyed the stereopticon views. Next Monday the entertainment will be arranged by Masters Wallace McCamant and William P. Martin, an orchestra of boys furnishing the music, and declamations, dialogues, &c., making up the balance of the programme.

THANKS.

The Librarian acknowledges with thanks the receipt of two volumes from Robert A. McFadden for the Library, viz: "Geikie's Life of Christ," and "Works of Dante."

THE Railroad Men's Monthly Union Prayer Meeting will be held in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, to-morrow evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

WE had the pleasure last week of receiving calls from Mr. F. H. Revell of Chicago, publisher of "The Y. M. C. A. Watchman," and Mr. P. A. Wieting of New York, Assistant Secretary of the International Committee.

MR. A. M. WILSON, of Aurora, Indiana, is with us, and will spend a short time in familiarizing himself with the work of our Association.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were admitted to the Association on last Tuesday evening:

Active.—Dr. Charles T. George, James W. Roberts, E. L. Frankem, Daniel Runk, Robt. A. Richards, Rev. A. W. Warfel, Rev. I. Baltzell, Rev. W. Strobel, Rev. T. A. Plattenberger, Rev. T. M. Reese, Rev. J. H. Black.

Associate. — James M. Denny, Harry W. Miller, Charles S. Landis, D. W. Fletcher, Alex. Jackson, Frank N. Templar, Harry A. Selin, Miss May Fox, Chas. C. Steiner, Chas. W. Young.

LITERARY SOCIETY.

PROGRAMME FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 23.

Reading.....Joseph G. Ewing
Essay.....J. H. Berkley
Declamations..... { William Dietrich, Jacob Fesler.

Debate—RESOLVED: That our inferiors are a greater stimulus to us than our superiors.

AFFIRMATIVE,	NEGATIVE,
Wm. P. Martin,	Harry McCormick,
Wm. C. Berger.	Milton Lemer.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE ON DUTY FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 1880.

MONDAY—Samuel D. Ensinger, Wade H. Wigton.
TUESDAY—William H. Shaffer, T. R. Black.
THURSDAY—E. D. Shellenberger, W. E. Skeen.
FRIDAY—C. W. Hillman, J. Silas Baer.
SATURDAY—E. W. S. Parthemore, R. D. List.

NEW interest is being awakened in the Thursday evening meeting for the study of the Sunday-school Lesson since Rev. J. T. Judd has assumed its leadership. If you are a Sunday-school teacher, or interested in Sunday-school work, you would find it very profitable to attend.

FIFTH ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

OF THE

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

OF THE NINTH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Associations of this District will be held at NEW BLOOMFIELD, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27th and 28th. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. As the time allotted to the Convention is shorter this year than heretofore, it is earnestly desired that the delegates shall be in attendance at all the sessions. The meetings on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning will be specially for the delegates and visiting brethren, and questions of great value to the Associations will be carefully considered. The evening meetings will be public and of a more popular character. On Wednesday afternoon a Boys' Meeting will be held.

The following programme will be followed in the main:

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 27th.

4:00 Devotional Exercises, conducted by S. B. Fahnestock, President of the last Convention.
Organization of the Convention.
Conversational Meeting. *"What has your Association been doing during the past year?"*

TUESDAY EVENING.

7:30 Thanksgiving Service, conducted by S. A. Taggart.
"What can an Association do in a small town?"
(a) *By Social and Literary Gatherings.*
(b) *By Distinctive Religious Work.*
Addresses by a number of delegates from Associations in small towns.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 28th.

9:30 Devotional Exercises.
Conversations on
"The Executive Secretary—his importance and work."
"The Choice of Officers and Forming of Committees."
"Financial Management."
"Association Literature."

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

1:00 Meeting of District Executive Committee.
2:00 Bible Reading.
"How can the Associations of this District best help one another"? opened by James McCormick of Harrisburg.
"Ladies Auxiliaries and their work," opened by John C. Lynch of Harrisburg.
"Special Meetings for Boys," opened by J. E. Mitchell of Newport.
4:00 A Boys' Meeting, conducted by Dr. J. M. Peddicord of Harrisburg.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7:30 *"Personal efforts to win young men to the service of Christ,"* to be opened by Jas. McConaughy of Harrisburg.
Consecration Meeting and Closing Exercises in charge of State Secretary Taggart.

There is no limit to the number of delegates which each Association shall send, and we trust that this will be the largest and most profitable Convention ever held in the District. One delegate from each Association should be prepared to report in full on its work at the meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

Christian ministers and laymen living in towns where there are no Associations, are *specially* invited to attend, that they may familiarize themselves with our work.

The brethren at New Bloomfield will gladly provide entertainment for them as well as for the delegates. They will be glad, however, to know whom they may expect. As soon as possible, therefore, please notify W. H. Smith, New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., of your purpose to attend.

What all our Associations most need, is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Shall we not all come together "with one accord" in expectation of this great blessing?

On behalf of the District Executive Committee.

J. M. PEDDICORD, *Secretary.* A. J. WHITNEY, *Chairman.*

OUR MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 1880.

SUNDAY	9.00	A. M.	Service in County Jail. C. A. Kunkel.
April 18.	1.30	P. M.	Mission Sunday School at Lochiel.
	3.15	"	Service of Song--Association Hall. James McConaughy.
	3.30	"	Service at Home for the Friendless. H. C. Demming.
	5.00	"	Bible Class (Colored). Charles May. Calvary Baptist Church, corner William and Colder streets.
	6.00	"	Service at City Hospital. Wm. H. McBride.
	6.45	"	Railroad Men's Union Meeting. Westminster Presbyterian Church.
MONDAY	7.00	"	Boys' Entertainment. Literary and Musical Exercises by the Boys.
	8.00	"	Meeting of Boys' Committee.
	8.30	"	Meeting of Executive Committee.
TUESDAY	8.00	"	Railroad Men's Cottage Prayer Meeting. Mrs. Baker's, New Walnut St.
THURSDAY	7.30	"	Sunday School Teachers' Bible Class. Rev. J. T. Judd.
	8.00	"	Cottage Prayer Meeting. Jacob McBride's, Cherry Avenue.
	8.30	"	Workers' Training Class. "How to conduct a Bible Class and give a Bible Reading." Jas. F. Purvis.
FRIDAY	7.00	"	Boys' Prayer Meeting. Charles F. Spicer.
	7.30	"	" " Literary Exercises. Readings, Recitations, &c.
	7.30	"	Reading Circle. "English History and Literature." Rev. C. W. Duoy.
	7.30	"	Association Choral Class.
	8.00	"	Members' Literary Society. Reading, Declamations and Debates.
SATURDAY	8.00	"	Young Men's Meeting. A. M. Wilson.
EVERY WEEK-DAY	8.00 A. M.		Daily Prayer Meeting.
	9.45 P. M.		Evening Prayers in the Parlors.

THE DAILY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

Is held in the Reading Room every morning, except Sunday, at 8.00 o'clock, closing at 8.30.

TOPICS AND LEADERS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY.....*How God's Temple is Built.* I Kings vi:7; Is. xlii:2 Eph. ii:20-22. Rev. G. W. Seiler.
TUESDAY.....*The Saviour and the Beggar.* Mark x:46-52. Horace Chayne.
WEDNESDAY.....*A Fatal Bargain.* Gen. xxv:29-34; Heb. xii:16, 17. George W. Mehaffey.
THURSDAY.....*What Christians Are.* Matt. v:13-16. James W. Baum.
FRIDAY.....*The Divine Indictment, Verdict and Pardon.* Rom. iii:9-26. A. M. Wilson.
SATURDAY.....*Confession and Cross-Bearing.* Matt. xvi:13-28. Rev. F. R. Wardle.

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